

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Boeglin, Majors, Sparrow, Kays, and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Belcher and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Belcher called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to approve the claims as presented.

This was the date, time and place for the second public hearing on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Mike Cummings of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission was present to hold the public hearing. Mr. Cummings indicated that the total cost of the project would be \$683,500. The grant request would be for \$600,000 and the City Water Utility would pay the remaining \$83,500. This would fulfill the requirement of a 10% matching of funds by the City. Tony Traylor, Utilities Superintendent, presented the scope of the project. Mr. Cummings explained the scoring process with regards to the project. The Mayor asked if there were any questions from the floor about this project. No one spoke to the issue. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mr. Cummings presented a proposed resolution with regards to the CDBG Grant Application which would allow the Mayor to sign the application and commit to, if we would receive the award, the local match of \$83,500 toward the project.

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Summers and carried to adopt Resolution 2011-23 entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

Roger Kottolowski of Commonwealth Engineers presented an update of the status of the multi-phase dredging plan for the Huntingburg City Lake. The first phase addresses the areas that need to be dredged. Option one is the sedimentation lake to the south of the city lake. It was estimated it would cost \$150,000 to \$300,000 to remove and dispose of the sediment from this area. Option two deals with the City Lake. Mr. Kottolowski indicated the southeast corner of the lake is the predominant area of concern. He then discussed the second phase which deals with disposal locations. Fifteen sites are being considered for the disposal location. Options to be considered for the removal process include a hydraulic dredge, which would require a lagoon type system to drain the water, or the use of a barge with an excavator. This barge could be floated to shore and the sediment put into an articulated dump truck.

Mr. Kottolowski provided the City with agreements to be reviewed and approved. These approved agreements should then be returned to Commonwealth who will in turn submit them to Rural Development with the application. The engineering agreement with Commonwealth Engineering is in the amount of \$32,500 which would be payable only upon approval of the application and funding from Rural Development.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to authorize the Mayor to sign the application for federal assistance from Rural Development.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to approve the engineering contract with Commonwealth Engineers for the study phase of this dredging project with the estimate not to exceed \$32,500.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor requested approval to send up to two Gas Utility employees to Measurement school in Nashville, Tennessee to learn more about meters and regulators. Crew Chief Greg Schmitt and possibly one other employee would attend.

A motion was made by Majors, seconded by Summers and carried to approve sending up to two Utility employees to Measurement school in Nashville, Tennessee.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor requested approval to send one employee, John Reutepohler, to Electric Level One Thermographic Applications Training for the Thermal Imager. This is a week long course and will be held in Indianapolis.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Boeglin and carried to approve sending John Reutepohler to Electric Level One Thermographic Applications Training in Indianapolis.

Traylor requested approval to purchase (10) 25 KVA Pad mount Transformers to replace ones that were installed for the underground projects. The lowest quote was from Cape Electrical Supply in the amount of \$14,650.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to approve the purchase of (10) 25 KVA Padmount Transformers from Cape Electrical Supply in the amount of \$14,650.

The Mayor began a discussion on the 2012 Salary Ordinance that was introduced at the September 1, 2011 meeting.

Mayor Belcher presented a recommendation from the Board of Public Works and Safety to add an Administrative Assistant position to the Police Department. The position would have the following pay rates:

Year 1	\$16.16
Year 2	\$16.73
Year 3	\$17.29

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to amend the 2012 Salary Ordinance to include the new position of Administrative Assistant to the Police Department with the pay rates indicated above.

Upon call of role for the amendment to the 2012 Salary Ordinance to include the new position of Administrative Assistant to the Police Department, the vote being 4 Ayes and 1 Nay (Kays), if favor of amendment, the amendment was approved.

The Meter Service Technician position was discussed. The position was created in 2010 but was not added to the Salary Ordinance. The employee in this position is currently being paid as extra labor at the rate of \$21.89. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Summers to amend the 2012 Salary Ordinance to include the position of Meter Service Technician with the following pay rates.

Year 1	\$21.56
Year 2	\$21.89

The motion died due to lack of a second. Attorney Schneider indicated a rate needed to be set. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Sparrow and carried to amend the 2012 Salary Ordinance to include the position of Meter Service Technician with the above pay rates.

Upon call of role for the amendment to the 2012 Salary Ordinance to include the position of Meter Service Technician, the vote being 5 Ayes in favor of amendment, the amendment was approved.

The 2012 Salary Ordinance was introduced with a 2.5% increase. Lengthy discussion followed.

A motion was made by Majors to approve the 2012 Salary Ordinance with a 2.5% increase. (The motion died due to lack of a second.) Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Summers and carried to amend the 2012 Salary Ordinance to change the increase in rates to 1.5%.

Upon call of role for the amendment to the 2012 Salary Ordinance to change the increase in rates to 1.5% the vote being 3 Ayes and 2 Nays (Boeglin and Majors), in favor of the amendment, the amendment was approved.

The three amendments to the 2012 Salary Ordinance were summarized:

1. The addition of a new Administrative Assistant position in the Police Department at the following pay rates:

Year 1	\$16.00
Year 2	\$16.56
Year 3	\$17.12

2. The addition of a new Meter Service Technician position at the following pay rates:

Year 1	\$21.56
Year 2	\$21.89

3. The amended salary increase to 1.5%.

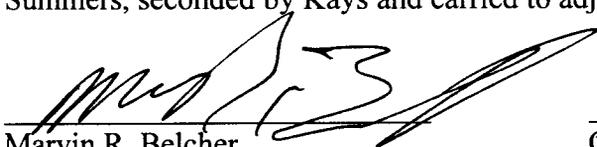
Attorney Schneider indicated there needed to be a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-22 with the above three amendments.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-22, as amended, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG,
INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2012**

Upon call of role for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance 2011-22 the vote being 4 Ayes and 1 Nay, (Boeglin) in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2011-22 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 8:42 P.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 o'clock P.M.


Marvin R. Belcher
Mayor


Gina Flick
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer